

**City Neighborhood Council Monday February 28, 2005,**

**6:30pm**

**West Precinct Conference Room**

**Draft Minutes by John Coney, Pres.**

6:45 pm - Welcome and Introductions.

Guests and representatives introduced.

One-time-only location change for meeting of 3/28.

Executive Committee (Coney, Meyer, Spalding) and Committee Chairs will continue to layout agenda in conference calls. Representatives are reminded to communicate agenda items to Coney prior to March 14, 2005.

The Agenda was moved, seconded, passed (MSP) as amended for name spelling.

Minutes for October and November, 2004 MSP. These minutes are directed to be posted on the DON website.

There are no December 2004 minutes, because there was no December meeting.

The January minutes are still not delivered to DON by our Secretary.

Bob Morgan of City Council Central Staff and Jory Phillips of Seattle Dept. of Planning and Development (DPD) briefed CNC on changes to building code and land use regulations which DPD will lay before City Council in '05.

Morgan: Neighborhood Business District strategy (land use/building code changes) proposed by DPD

- Street-level residential units to be allowed in NBDs outside of pedestrian zones and on pedestrian zone streets not designated principal pedestrian streets.
- Neighborhood Plan maps utilized in this proposal.
- Example: Bartell's and Fred Meyer in Greenwood are outside of the proposed pedestrian district for that NBD and therefore could be mixed use with residential units on the street.
- Consolidation of Pedestrian Zones P 1 and P2.
- Eastlake Community Council letters
- Softening and/or elimination of street front parking lots.
- Elimination of area parking availability criteria that used to distinguish P1 and P2.
- More stringent definition of Usable Open Space in new developments.
- Street level development standards: ensuring good design at street level.
- Lot coverage changes: 64% lost coverage to be replaced with overall FAR limits. Jory Phillips, DPD outlines the timeline for completion of the Comprehensive Plan revisions, building code changes, and zoning changes.

Susan Crowley, of Seattle Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Reviewed major bills and legislative initiatives supported by Seattle in the current legislative session in Olympia.

- There is a \$2.2 million (now \$1.6 million) revenue shortfall for the '06 State Budget.
- Seattle's priorities include Transportation CIP funding, Human Services funding.

### **CNC Chair's Report (Coney)**

Report on CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, MEETING 2/21/05

Theme: Inclusiveness - Making CNC more effectively interactive with neighborhoods, District Councils, elected officials.

### **Improving communication and visibility of CNC with general public in neighborhoods**

Began to develop an '05 workplan to include workshops and forums sponsored by our committees: Budget, Neighborhood Planning, Transportation.

### **CNC Executive Committee responsibilities**

Ex Com will remain the same, but may meet in conjunction with Committee Chairs as appropriate.

Will meet quarterly face to face, but will continue to set agendas with Committee Chairs in phone conferences.

Ex Com members will sit at the head of the CNC table. Committee Chairs will be identified at the meetings.

### **Bylaws Changes in '05?**

Should we further consider bylaws revisions voted down on Jan. 31?

No further consideration to be given in '05 to Inclusivity items:

- Two reps per DC (best vote)
- Term limits
- Quarterly meetings or other mix? (least favored)

Referrals to be considered this year:

- NMF update (second best vote) Leman and Lucas will propose text. - Minor Housekeeping changes
- Add Transportation Committee to permanent committee list
- NMF paragraph\$, subject to Guidelines Committee recommendations

### **Code of Conduct for CNC meetings**

The Ex Com endorsed the following code for consideration by CNC:

Goals: More productive meetings, more inclusive debate on action items Same routine rules of conduct adopted by other city boards:

- Listen respectfully to each other
- No side conversations while the board is in session
- Do not interrupt or speak out *of* order
- Do not monopolize discussion
- Abide by the adopted agenda
- Abide by time limits on debate statements/rebuttals when limits are set by the board
- Arrive on time

### **Official CNC communications with District Councils as a whole:**

The Ex Com rejected consideration of a policy to update and clarify Bylaw Paragraph #4.7: Communications: All CNC mailings and other issuances, except internal committee matters, must bear the CNC Chair's signature..." This sentence is deemed to cover all official communications *to* elected officials, city employees, and our District Councils.

### **CNC Retreat:**

Goal Develop a strategy and implementation plan for diversifying and expanding participation in the CNC.  
The Ex Com will not further consider a retreat in '05.

Chris Leman's list of items relating to DON staff support and other items were submitted, but there was not a quorum to act upon them at that time.

### **~ Committee Reports**

#### **- NMF Committee (Lucas)**

Lucas presented the proposed Bylaws Amendment to update the Neighborhood Matching Fund paragraph. Leman and Lucas agreed to meet to iron out differences over the bylaws revision proposal. The report of the NMF Matching Fund Guidelines Committee (not a CNC committee) was discussed.

#### **- Neighborhood Planning Committee (Wall)**

Parking Changes in the DPD proposed changes in the Building Code which would result in developers being able to determine how many parking stalls would be built. Some urban village neighborhoods support this change as a way to increase the trip mode split for transit.

Workplan: 2 public workshops and letter from CNC on Comprehensive Plan proposals.

Consider: Neighborhood Plan implementation priorities and funding, Neighborhood Plan updates, Parking in neighborhood residential and business districts, View Protections, Improvements to Design Review, Land Use Code protections to the character of Seattle's neighborhoods, Single Family Zone under the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **- Transportation Committee (Lindmark)**

Workplan:

- Develop position for CNC on waterborne transit, Metro

Transit role, if any.

- Review Transportation Strategic Plan of SDOT (TSP.)
- Transportation Demand Management follow-through
- Review SMP/Cascadia DBOM plans for design/construction

against neighborhood plans1 stakeholder groups' recommendations, SMP EIS, City Design Guidelines, Station Area Planning documents.

**Montlake proposal:**

Montlake near neighbors of proposed freeway link to SR520 bridge proposed a version with a new bridge connecting SR520 to the Montlake/NE 34th intersection and the Link Light Rail station.

Transportation Committee is evaluating this proposal. Central Area should also have input to this proposal to WSDOT.

The CNC approved with friendly amendments a letter to WSDOT and SDOT asking for consideration of the Montlake neighbors' bridge approach alternative.

**- Budget Committee (Leman)**

Workplan: 2 public workshops, letter from CNC on budget priorities for '06, prepare for '07 budget input.

Confer by phone with civil servants in other cities to learn if there are better ways to involve neighborhood interests in forming City budgets.

**District Council Reports - Delridge (Spalding)****- Magnolia/Queen Anne (Coney)**District Council Inclusivity

The Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council has expanded its membership by 1/3rd by a campaign of making local neighborhood councils and interest groups aware of the District Council system and its ability to put neighborhood folks in touch with City government. Fourteen member organizations were represented at the January meeting. Bylaws were revised to admit a wider range of groups to the District Council.

John Coney is Chair, Lindsay Brown, former President of the Magnolia Community Club is the Alternate Representative to CNC. Doug Lorentzen is the MQADC rep to the NMF Review Committee. Michael De Caro is the MQADC rep to the CNC Transportation Committee.

**Topics for MAQDC in '04-'05 have included:**

- Endorsement by MQADC of the CNC proposed bylaws changes to bring more inclusivity to the CNC and its committees.
- Capehart Housing complex, military enlisted housing, an enclave of obsolete housing within the boundaries of Discovery Park. The City has taken steps to acquire the site through a land swap with American Eagle Development.
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Campus proposal. MQADC supports this concept. - MQADC has acted as the primary community contact point for the Port of Seattle North Bay industrial redevelopment project.
- MQADC in late '04 assigned a special committee to develop a concept for an Interbay Transit Hub associated with North Bay, Sounder Rail, Green Line, Metro, waterborne transit.
- MQADC endorsed the tunnel route and two-way Mercer St. as critical transportation improvements in our part of the city.
- MQADC members are key to implementing the restraints on over the counter sale of certain alcoholic drinks enabled by the Alcohol impact Zone in which we are included.

### **Topics on which CNC could be of help to MQADC:**

- Advocating for more sustainable funding for maintenance of transportation infrastructure. Our infrastructure in need of capital improvement/replacement includes the Magnolia Bridge replacement, Mercer Corridor, New Aurora crossings, access to new developments such as North Bay from the Elliott/15th corridor.
- Holding the SMP and the City accountable for construction of the Green Line as agreed upon with neighborhood stakeholder groups.
- Advocating for City evaluation and prioritization of the North Bay Redevelopment and maintaining appropriate industrial zoning.
- Evaluating the impact of the Alcohol Impact Zone on the affected neighborhoods and potential extension of the zone.

### **New Business**

- State of the Neighborhoods Conference (Coney)

Coney introduced the concept: a meeting of District Council Chairs. CNC Reps, City Councilmembers - particularly those on the Parks/Neighborhoods/Education Committee, the Executive, and key department heads. Time, after the Nov. election. Goal: Increase communication - particularly between CNC, District Councils, and City government.

Adjourn: 9:10 p.m.